1	2	3	4	5
7.	Integrated Development of Spices	120.00	—	38.35
8.	Development of Root & Tuber crops	1.41	0.50	—
9.	Development of Vegetables	—	6.00	—
10.	Commercial Floriculture	47.40	18.20	—
11.	Development of Medicinal & Aromatic Plants	7.50	4.75	0.28
12.	Development of Mushroom	—	5.00	3.00
13.	Development of Bee Keeping for Improving Crop Productivity	1.25	—	—
14.	Integrated Development of Cocoa	—	2.00	0.80
15.	MACRO MANAGEMENT in AGRICULTURE Supplementation/Complementation of State Efforts through work Plans	—	—	2250.00*

*An outlay of Rs. 923 lakhs was envisaged for horticulture sector.

Decline in foodgrains output

2770. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the per capita foodgrains output declined during the period 1994—2001;

(b) whether it is also a fact that millions of tons of foodgrains are stock piled in the Food Corporation of India godowns; and

(c) if so, the reasons for such a situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The per capita output of foodgrains for the period 1994-95 to 2000-2001 works out as under:—

(Kgs.)

Year	Per capita output
1994-95	208
1995-96	192
1996-97	209

(kgs)

Year	Per capita output
1997-98	198
1998-99	206
1999-2000	209
2000-2001	191

It can be seen that the per capita output of foodgrains has been fluctuating over the years. This is mainly because of fluctuation in the production of foodgrains.

(b) and (c) As on 1.2.2002, there was 564.26 lakh tonnes of foodgrains in the Central Pool. The open ended policy of procurement along with attractive Minimum Support Prices coupled with reduced offtake from the Public Distribution System, has resulted in large accumulation of stocks of cereals with the Food Corporation of India.

Agricultural Research and Development Institutions

2771. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any incentive scheme for bringing the level of agricultural research and development institutions of the country above the international standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) There is no incentive scheme as such. However, the Department of Agricultural Research & Education, Ministry of Agriculture has launched a National Agricultural Technology Project (NATP) with the World Bank assistance to the tune of US 239 Million dollars. The NATP Project aims to uplift the standards and quality of agricultural research development institutions of the country through competitive grant schemes, Mission Mode Schemes and Centres of Excellence.